

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-4 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Evans at the interview held on June 21, 2006, are greatly appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Applicants also greatly appreciate that the Office Action indicates that claim 5 is allowed and claims 2-4 contain allowable subject matter. However, for at least the reasons discussed below, Applicants respectfully assert that all claims 1-5 contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Hagelin (U.S. Patent No. 6,735,004). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

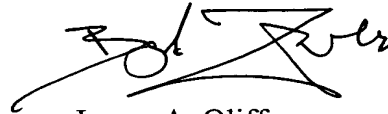
Specifically, as indicated by Examiner Evans during the June 21 personal interview, Hagelin fails to disclose a head actuator including at least a silicon structure, integrally formed from single-crystal silicon, having only two arms and a connecting part for connecting the arms to each other, and respective piezoelectric devices attached to the arms, as recited in independent claim 1.

In accordance with the above remarks, Applicants submit that claim 1 defines patentable subject matter. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §102(e) rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-5 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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